

Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR)  
Programs to Strengthen Marriages and Families:

**MUTUAL ASSISTANCE ASSOCIATION (MAA) INITIATIVE FOR  
HEALTHY FAMILIES**

**PURPOSE:**

The program strengthens support for refugees and their families through Mutual Assistance Association (MAA) networks.

These networks include: the Cambodian MAA, which networks with organized groups including churches, temples and apartment complexes; the Slavic MAA, which networks with churches and provides training for individuals and couples to expand the MAA network; the Lao Mien MAA, which works in senior citizen centers, temples and at community events, and provides training for college interns to serve the interests of the Latino community, and the Vietnamese MAA, which provides training for new members contacted at Asian New Year celebrations.

**GRANT RECIPIENT(S):** Lao Family Community Development, Inc.

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